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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
SUBJECT: Yuri KOSSACH

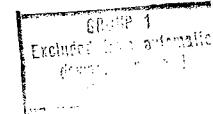
1. Please see our CSCI-3/776,573, dated 12 June 1963 in which information is given regarding Subject's recent contact with Mykola LEBED, your File No. 105-16481. A second meeting, requested by Subject via telephone to Mr. LEBED, took place between the two men on 24 July 1963.

2. During the course of this second meeting Subject asked Mr. LEBED to assist him in obtaining permission to leave the United States for a visit to the Soviet Union. He told Mr. LEBED that he was led to believe, during a recent conversation with officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he would not be permitted to leave the United States. Mr. LEBED told Subject he had no contacts in the Bureau and that, furthermore, he could not see why Subject expected the Bureau would refuse to let him go.

3. Subject said he had been summoned by the Bureau on eight occasions. During the most recent interview he had been questioned by three Bureau officials none of whom was familiar with the Soviet nationalities question. They did not understand the distinction between "Russia" and the "USSR." According to Subject, he was questioned by the three Bureau officials for several hours and he convinced them that he is not a Communist. He said he was told that he was free to continue publishing the journal, Za Sinem Okeanom. Subject also told Mr. LEBED that the Bureau was interested in utilizing him as an agent, but he tried to convince them that he would be of little use in that capacity since he is not trusted by members of the Ukrainian Delegation at the United Nations and, therefore, nothing of interest to the Bureau would ever be discussed in his presence by them.

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4. Regarding his trip to the UKSSR, Subject said he was invited by the Union of Ukrainian Writers, by the Association for Cultural Exchanges with Ukrainians Abroad and by Lyubomir D. Dmiterko, editor of Vitchyzna, but that he was still waiting for an official invitation, which was promised him from the Soviet Ukrainian Government in Kiev. Subject said he should be leaving the United States by 1 August because he was scheduled to speak on 3 August at a university in Lvov in connection with the 50th anniversary of the death of Lesya Ukrainka, his paternal aunt and a famous Ukrainian writer. It is not known, as of this writing, whether or not Subject has left the United States.

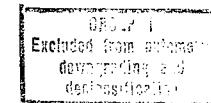
5. Mr. LEBED and Subject talked about the Soviet Ukrainian Delegation at the United Nations. When Mr. LEBED expressed the opinion that members of the Delegation were involved in espionage activity, Subject said that it was possible but that his contact at the Delegation was with the cultural attache who he did not believe was involved in espionage activity, although he conceded that a cultural attache could conceivably be involved in such activity. According to Subject members of the Soviet Ukrainian Mission have various assignments among which he said were the following:

a. To seek out Ukrainians in the emigration who committed crimes in the Soviet Union.

b. To seek out those individuals who could be blackmailed because of ties (relatives) in the Soviet Union, because of their past, etc.

c. To seek contact with more prominent individuals in the Ukrainian emigration, excluding political leaders, with the purpose of converting the individuals to the Soviet position, or at least neutralizing them. According to Subject, the cultural attache of the Ukrainian delegation is engaged in such activity.

6. Subject said he was anxious to visit the Ukrainian SSR to meet with acquaintances and relatives and to learn the truth from them personally. He said he plans to return to the United States and to speak and write frankly about



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his impressions of the situation in the USSR whether good or bad. He promised to telephone Mr. LEBED before his departure for the Soviet Union, or before his "arrest," but to date there has been no word from him.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

Signed []
JAMES ANGLETON

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